Arcadia

Nearly all persons are aware of the enormous prices that have been paid during the past few years for black walnut lumber. This wood has been in demand not only for making nearly all kinds of furniture but for inside finishing for houses. The fashion for this wood, started in the United States, spread rapidly to other countries, and it is now in active demand in every portion of Europe. During several years past fortunes have been made in buying land covered by black walnut timber or the "stumpage," cutting down the trees, and sending them to market. Some persons have realized large sums by selling trees that stances old stumps have been sold at very high prices for veneering. Parties have gone over every part of the countainty that we do not go the right way to work Thousands have regretted that they cut manner. How few mistresses take the fences, or simply destroyed them as fare, their joys or pleasures! If only "cumberers of the ground." They now they do their work properly, that is all see that they could have realized a fortune if they had not been so hasty in in this way with regard to the inmates their proceeding. The fashion for black of their houses? We think not; but, on walnut furniture and finishing, which became prevalent suddenly, shows no signs of abating. The demand for the cent and rational recreation for all their wood becomes greater as the supply becomes limited. It is now transported or servants. The old proverb about hundreds of miles on wagons and in "all work and no play making Jack a railway cars. It is the favorite of the dull boy" holds good with young and maker and the buyer of furniture. Most old. Men who slave in their countingpersons prefer it to mahogany, which houses or their offices from morning for centuries was the fashionable wood until night without a due proportion of for decorative purposes. That it con- rest, become in time not only dull, but

trees to meet the demands of the near and distant future. Parties have figured and giving them suitable care and attention for a series of years. The story of "some man in Wisconsin" who dence as to the truth or falsity of it. Admitting that it is true, however, it does not follow that others will be so fortunate. There is no accounting for tastes,

wood for making furniture.

Persons who have faith in the future of the black walnut and who believe the fashion for it will not change will be likely to plant trees and wait for a lib-Land planted to black walnut trees may prove to be an excellent investment. It time the nuts are placed in the soil. En-thusiasts should bear in mind, however, that there is a popular prejudice against these trees on the ground that they impoverish the soil where they grow, that they exert an injurious influence on most the land where they made their growth is unproductive of certain crops after the trees are cut away. The trees require a rich soil to enable them to make a rapid growth, and that of the Western States is admirably adapted to them. Broken land that can not be plowed to advantage is generally well suited to the production of forest trees. A space for the roots to occupy can be prepared by the use of the pick or spade, and if necessary some fertilizing material can be added to the soil. Almost all nutbearing trees have very long tap-roots, and provision may be made for their enlargement by making a hole with an iron bar directly under where a nut is to be planted. This hole can be filled with forest leaves or well-rotted stable manure. The soil for some distance can also be loosened by means of an iron bar or pick. By keeping the ground sovered with mulch no cultivation will be required. As the leaves, bark, and branches of the black walnut are very bitter, grazing animals are not likely to interfere with them. On many farms there are portions of land that are of own reward, by inducing servants to

At the last winter meeting of the Indiana Horticultural Society, the Secretary, Mr. W. H. Ragan, gave the following excellent recommendations for planting black walnuts on level ground that was to be cultivated :

for corn, except that the rows should be have convinced people that the sentiment seven feet apart. Take the nuts, fresh belongs to Maria in Laurence Sterne's from the tree, and plant two at each crossing. They are to be covered shallow, just enough to hide them. So much for planting. The next spring furrow the seven feet spaces, intermediate because the spaces, intermediate because the spaces, intermediate because the spaces of the spaces and plant with some or the spaces. tween the rows, and plant with corn or canto 2, line 843). The nearest appotatoes. The corn and young trees proach to any such phrase to be found will be all cultivated alike, and the young in the Bible is the text, "He who spareth trees must be kept clean. The second the rod hateth his son" (Prov xiii., 24). spring thin out the trees to one in a hill. The reference to "pouring oil on The thinnings will fill any vacant spaces where needed. Com or potatoes may be planted the second or even the third make any such allusion. "Man wants year, and after that the trees must be but little here below," is an expression cultivated and kept clear until they oc- no older than Goldsmith's "Hermit," cupy the whole ground so fully as to though it is generally quoted either as seep down by their shade all weeds and | Scripture or from a line of an ancient grass. Standing so near as seven feet, hymn. "Mausions of the blest" are the trees will not require trimming, but mentioned in the revelations, not of St. will thus trim themselves. But when John the Divine, but to the Monk of they begin to suffer from crawding, take Evesham (A. D. 1496.) - All the Year out every alternate tree in each row, Round. and in a few years another thinning may be made by taking out alternate

way. If the trees are to stand until they become quite large, additional thinning may be necessary. But they should always be thick enough to obviate the side trimming of branches. The thinnings will always possess considerable value. - Chicago Times.

A Plea for Our Servants.

We all know how glad they are to rush out on every possible occasion; are dissatisfied if they do not get their Sundays out, even when wet-their evenings with their friends; and, if not allowed to go out, too often take French leave and walk out as soon as their were standing on portions of their farms master and mistress's back is turned. that had not been cleared. In some in-Of course this is very wrong, and such try in search of black walnut lumber. to prevent their acting in this sort of down trees and used them for fuel or slightest interest in their servants' weldependents, whether children, governess

tains several desirable qualities is cer- ill. Children who have not a reasonatain, but it is equally certain that its | ble amount of healthy exercise and merqualities have been greatly overrated.

The price of black walnut lumber is bly will get into mischief; and it is the so high and the supply of it so small same with servants. If they have not a that the owners of land have been ex-sufficient amount of recreation, either horted to engage in the culture of the their health flags or they too get into mischief-and mischief of a much more serious kind. It will be seen, therefore. out how much can be made by planting that, even from a selfish point of view, a given number of acres with these trees it would be well to take some little interest in those around us; and if we only consider the unhealthy kitchens and underground premises in which planted "a piece of land" with these servants for the most part live, and the trees twenty-three years ago and re- dreary atties in which they sleep, it will cently sold his "crop" for the sum of be seen how very necessary it must be \$27,000 has been told many times. The to give them opportunities of obtaining story is not very accurately located, and fresh air and exercise, if their bodies therefore it is difficult to procure evi- and minds are to be kept in a proper state of health.

In the skating season how much they would enjoy being spared for an hour or two to go and see the sliding and and the origin of most fashions is ob- skating, or for a brisk walk in the parks; scure. Fashions come and go, and in and in the Summer pleasant walks and most respects they are as unreliable as expeditions ought occasionally to be orthe wind. Black walnut was first used ganized for them, and this could generas a cheap substitute for mahogany. It soon became its successful rival. It a little forethought on the mistress's does not follow, however, that it will part, without deranging the family comalways remain so. Indeed, it is very fort-for instance, on days when the likely that mahogany may soon occupy the place it long filled, and that it will not soon be displaced. It is also likely is not so much work as usual to be done that woods of light color will become in the house. And all this need not enfashionable, to the partial and complete | tail much expense; there are exhibitions exclusion of those that are dark. They costing a trifle to see; and a visit now "had their day" and perhaps may have and then to a picture gallery, a museum, it again. It is likely that at no very or even a concert, would make a pleas-distant period improvements in "stuf- ant change from the daily routine of fing" porous woods may result in making cooking, sweeping, and cleaning—or, ing much material valuable that is now in case of nurses, of washing, dressing, regarded as entirely useless in the arts. and minding children-and might help In all probability various metals, nat-ural and artificial stone, and even glass, which sadly needs encouragement in will be largely employed in the place of every way to prevent their falling into bad and disreputable ways.

Small social tea parties could be arranged without much trouble or expense, and to these brothers and sisters of the servants might be invited, and eral reward for themselves or heirs. the evenings made cheerful with games, picture books, illustrated papers, and the like. How much better would this may rise in value every year from the be than altogether ignoring that servants have friends and relations, and so driving them to courses of deceit and to underhanded proceedings, such as making signs to attract their friends as soon as their masters and mistresses are out; sending letters to their friends as soon crops in the vicinity of them, and that as the mistress has given her orders for the day, on finding no late dinner is required; slipping off when there seems no chance of their absence being observed; and other practices which gradually lead giddy girls from bad to worse, and from one little deceit to some great

Almost all servants in the present day can read and write, and bright, whole-some stories, light books of travel and adventures, and biographical sketches would be much appreciated by them and would tend to while away a Sunday at home, and induce a servant to stay at home, even when it is their day out, should it be wet or unsuitable for her to go out. Such books also might prevent the entrance into private houses of newspapers and publications which would be far better burnt than read by any one, and which no modest, well-principled girls should ever be allowed to set eyes upon. We must expect many a disap-pointment, yet on the whole they will be found grateful for the kindly thought shown them; and such considerations for their happiness will often bring their little use for the production of cultivated with a more cheerful countenance.— Rural New Yorker.

Common Quotation Errors.

"God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" was long attributed to the Psalms Furrow the ground off each way as of David, until oft-repeated corrections

-A homing pigeon has recently made

Care of Horses.

1. Never allow anyone to tease or tickle your horse in the stable. The animal only feels the torment and does not understand the joke. Vicious habits are thus easily brought on.

2. Never beat the horse when in the stable. Nothing so soon makes him permanently vicious. 3. Let the horse's litter be dry and clean underneath as well as on top. Standing on hot fermenting manure makes the hoofs soft, and brings on

lameness 4. Change the litter partially in some parts, and entirely in others, every morning, and brush out and clean the

stall thoroughly. 5. To procure a good coat on your horse naturally, use plenty of rubbing and brushing. Plenty of "elbow grease" opens the pores, softens the skin, and promotes the animal's general

health. 6. Never clean a horse in his stable. The dust fouls the crib, and makes him loathe his food.

7. Use the curry-comb lightly. When used roughly it is a source of great pain. 8. Let the heels be well brushed out every night. Dirt, if allowed to cake in, causes grease and sore heels.

9. Whenever a horse is washed, never leave him till he is rubbed quite dry.

He will probably get a chill if neglected. 10. When a horse comes off a journey the first thing is to walk him about till he is cool, if he is brought in hot. This prevents his taking cold. 11. The next thing is to groom him

quite dry, first with a wisp of straw and then with a brush. This removes dust. dirt and sweat, and allows time for the stomach to recover itself and the appetite to return.

12. Also, let his legs be well rubbed by the hand. Nothing so soon removes a strain. It also detects thorns or splinters, soothes the animal and enables him to feed comfortably. 13. Let the horse have some exercise

every day. Otherwise he will be liable to fever or bad feet. 14. Let your horse stand loose, if possible, without being tied up to the manger. Pain and weariness from a confined position induce bad habits and

cause swollen feet and other disorders. 15. Look often at the animal's feet and legs. Disease or wounds in those parts, if at all neglected, soon become dangerous.

16. Every night look and see if there is any stone between the hoof and the shoe. Standing on it all night, the horse will be lame next morning. 17. If the horse remains in stable his feet must be "stopped." Heat and

18. The feet should not be "stopped" oftener than twice in the week. It will make the hoofs soft and bring on

dryness cause cracked hoofs and lame-

19. Do not urge the animal to drink water which he refuses. It is probably hard and unwholesome.

20. Never allow drugs to be administered to your horse without your knowledge. They are not needed to keep the animal in health, and may do the greatest and most sudden mischief .- N. Y. Graphic.

Our New West.

Some years ago the country between the Missouri River and the Rocky Mountains was regarded as a desert; at best fit for nothing but grazing purposes. These plains cover an enormous extent of country, and there is now reason to believe that in the course of the next twenty-five years the greater part of it will become arable land, which will grow magnificent crops. There are three agencies at work effecting this change. Une of these is irrigation. The streams which issue from the melted snows of the Rocky Mountains are being carefully utilized to irrigate large sections of land east of the foot hills. As is well known, the Mormons have converted the Salt Lake Valley into a perfect garden. Before they set up irrigating ditches Utah was in appearance the most unpromising portion of the earth's surface for the growth of agricultural products, but water applied to these sage-brush deserts changes them as if by magic, and makes them won-derfully fruitful. Still another means of utilizing these grazing plains is found in the sinking of artesian wells. The water which reaches the surface by this means is gradually absorbed by the thirsty soil, and the desert blossoms like the rose. Many of these wells have already been opened, and in time there will be thousands of them, each the center of an almost recreated district of country. But the most potent influence at work is the steady extension of population west of the rainfall. As the country becomes is believed in time even Denver will subject to showers sufficiently freque to convert the arid regions of its neig borhood into fruitful fields. Horac come when these dry plains would be come dotted with wind-mills, which wi pump up the water out of the vast deptl of the artesian wells. It is claimed the the building of railroads has a great de to do in attracting the min from easter skies and watercourses. - Demorest Monthly.

A Commercial Item.

Mose Schaumburg's little boy, s though only ten years old, is travelin around slung to a tray, like a miniatur Sam'l of Posen, instead of being sent t school where he could acquire a know edge of arithmetic that might be useful to him hereafter.

An Austin gentleman stopped Mos Schaumburg, junior, and asked the littl fellow how much he made on his art

"Five per shent; don't yer vant bair of sushpenders for a quarater of tollar?" "Five per cent! Why that's not muc profit."

"I hash never pin to school, but shuppose I makes five per shent. Who costs me one tollar I sells for five to lars. Don't you vant two bairs of sush pe ders for a quarter of a tollar."-Texas Sifting's.

-An Illinois cow swallowe: \$600 i

-A curious accident recently occurred in Rushford, Allegany County, N. Y. While a thrashing machine was in motion a dog walked over the rod which connects the power with the separator, and the bushy hair of his tail became wound around the rod, and the dog's tail was completely severed from his body. It cost his life.

-We agree with an exchange that there is a disgusting amount of crime in the newspapers, but the man who has a pimple on his nose can't blame the looking-glass for showing it.—Philadelphia News.

A Judge's Experience. Judge J. T. Bossier, of St Tammany parish, La., and of the State Legislature, thus expressed his opinion to one of our representatives: "I have found St. Jacobs Oil to be very efficacious in sprains and bruises. In my opinion there is no oil or liniment equal to it." -New Orleans (Ba.) Times-Democrat.

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